

REMARKS

Claims 31-36 and 40 are currently pending in the present application. In the Office Action, claims 31-36 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 2002/0016177 (Miya et al.) and U.S. Patent No. 6,035,210 (Endo et al.).

The Examiner also objected to claims 31, 34 and 40 due to informalities.

In the present reply, the Applicants have amended claims 31, 34 and 40. The Applicants submit that all claim amendments are fully supported in the specification and no new matter has been added.

Claim Objections – Claims 31, 34, and 40

The Examiner objected to Claims 31, 34, and 40 due to informalities relating to spelling out acronyms before using the acronym in a claim. Claims 31, 34, and 40 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's requirements and the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Examiner's objections.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103(a) – Claims 31-36, and 40

The Examiner rejected claims 31-36, and 40 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miya et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0016177) in view of Endo et al. (U.S. Ref. No. 6,035,210).

Miya illustrates an individual setting of power level for each particular timeslot using multiple transmit power commands (TPC) for each particular timeslot or using a signal to interference ratio (SIR) measurement of that particular timeslot. The present amended claims send a single power command for a CCTrCH which includes a plurality of time slots. Miya deals with this scenario by sending multiple individual TPCs for each timeslot. The present claims use a single power command for the CCTrCH and an interference measurement for each timeslot. Such an arrangement is not disclosed in Miya.

Endo is cited as disclosing the transmission of interference measurements. However, these interference measurements are not being used in any resemblance

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as to the manner recited in the claims. Since Miya uses multiple individual timeslot TPCs, there is no reason that an interference measurement would be used in addition to the multiple TPCs.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claims are allowable over the Miya and Endo combination, whether taken alone or in combination with each other.


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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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